

The Saiga 12 uses a standard AK trigger group. As I pointed out on another post here or in DIY, the only problem is the pyramid-shaped blade at the top of most AK triggers. It will not fit under the carrier and will stop it from functioning. Dremmeling or filing the top of the offending blade will fix the problem.

I put on a stock the is similar to a Dragonov stock, but without the top strap section going all the way to the tang, and with a beefier lower strap.

You will find a cross-pin on which the steel wire that serves as a shepard's hook is attached. I chose to leave that pin and wire in place to save my having to foii the pin hole. You could remove the pin and wire and go with a standard shepard's hook.

I went with a single-hook US trigger, and disconnecter because I had them lying around. I imagine a double-hook will work as long as the top blade problem is addressed, but I cannot say for sure because I did not try one. Minding the "no more than 10 imported parts" count is probably a good idea to be safe.

The AK trigger group will restore the crisp action the gun was intended to have. It's vastly superior to the mushy trigger the sporter linkages give you.

IO filled the holes in the receiver with steel pop rivets that I topped with a good hard black epoxy putty. I made a "form" by pressing epoxy putty over another rivet head and then using a teflon oil release agent on the inside, I pressed another bit of putty over the top of the rivet. I cleaned up the edges and it looks like just another factory rivet head.